

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, lines 7-23 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 5, a golf club 60 is inserted in a conventional club-carrying apparatus 62. The club-carrying apparatus 62 includes a bag 64 and a frame 66 attached to an upper portion of the bag 64. Referring to Figure 6, the frame 66 includes an annular element 68, a sternum-like element 70 and three rib-like elements 72 (only two are shown). The annular element 68 provides rigidity to the bag 64. The sternum-like element ~~[[68]]~~ **70** and the rib-like elements ~~[[70]]~~ **72** separate golf clubs such as the golf club 60. The sternum-like element ~~[[68]]~~ **70** is divided into three sections by ~~means of~~ the rib-like elements ~~[[70]]~~ **72**. A partition 74 includes an upper portion wrapping and holding to each section of the sternum-like element 70 and a lower portion attached to the bottom of the bag 64 via sewing, adhesion or any other proper ~~manner~~ **means**. A partition 76 includes an upper portion wrapping and holding to each rib-like element 72 and a lower portion attached to the bottom of the bag 64 via sewing, adhesion or any other proper ~~manner~~ **means**. However, the golf clubs 60 easily wear out the upper portions of the partitions 74 and 76. It is difficult to replace such a used partition with a new one.

Page 1, lines 25 and 26 have been amended as follows:

The present invention is therefore intended to obviate or at least alleviate the problems encountered in ~~the~~ prior art.

Page 2, lines 3-5 have been amended as follows:

The primary objective of the present invention is to provide a club-carrying apparatus with a bag, a frame attached to the bag and partitions attached to and protected by ~~means of~~ the frame.

Page 2, lines 19-21 have been amended as follows:

Other ~~objects~~ **objectives**, advantages and novel features of the invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description in conjunction with the attached drawings.

Page 3, line 21 through page 4, line 2 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 2, the club-carrying apparatus 10 includes a bag 12 and a frame 14 attached to an upper portion of the bag 12. The frame 14 includes an annular element 16, a sternum-like element 18 and two rib-like elements 20 intersecting the sternum-like element 18. The sternum-like element 18 is divided into three sections by ~~means of~~ the rib-like elements 20. The annular element 16 provides rigidity to the bag 12. The sternum-like element 18 and the rib-like elements 20 separate golf clubs such as the golf club 60 from each other.

Page 4, lines 4-11 have been amended as follows:

To separate the golf clubs, three partitions 22 and two partitions 24 are used. Each of the partitions 22 includes a lower portion attached to a bottom of the bag 12 and an upper portion attached to one of the sections of the sternum-like element 18. Each of the partitions 24 includes a lower portion attached to the bottom of the bag 12 and an upper portion attached to one of the rib-like elements 20. The lower portions of the partitions 22 and 24 can be attached to the bottom of the bag 12 by ~~means of~~ sewing, ~~[[or]]~~ adhesion or in any other proper manners.

Page 4, lines 18-21 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 4, each of the partitions 22 includes an upper portion inserted through one of the slots 26 of the sternum-like element 18. The upper portion of each ~~[[the]]~~ partition 22 is attached to another portion of that partition 22 via hook-and-loop ~~means~~ fasteners 28.

Page 4, lines 23-25 have been amended as follows:

The upper portions of the partitions 22 and 24 can, of course, be attached to the sternum-like element 18 and the rib-like elements 20 ~~means of~~ sewing, ~~[[or]]~~ adhesion or in any other proper manners.

Page 5, lines 1-7 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 3, each of the partitions 24 includes an upper portion from which two strips 30 extend. The strips 30 of each partition 24 are separated from each other by ~~means of~~ a slit 32. Each strip 30 of each partition 24 is inserted through one slot 26 of one rib-like element

20 and attached to another portion of that partition 24 via hook-and-loop ~~means~~ fasteners 28. The slit 32 of each partition 24 encompasses the sternum-like element 18.

Page 6, lines 12-19 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 4, the sternum-like element 18 includes a bone 34 and a skin 36 mounted on the bone 34. The bone 34 is made of a proper rigid material. The skin 36 is made of a proper soft material. The bone 34 includes a lower portion defining the slots 26. The bone 34 includes an upper portion that is enlarged for contact with the golf clubs. Thus, it is ensured that the upper portions of the partitions 22 will not be worn out by ~~means of~~ the golf clubs. The bone 34 and the skin 36 may be molded as one piece or separately molded and adhered to each other.